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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES

REF: STATE 127474

1. DURING CALL ON ANOTHER UNSSOD SUBJECT, MALLABY OF FCO'S ARMS CONTROL DEPT EXPRESSED PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT (THOUGH NOT SURPRISE) AT U.S. DECISION ON NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES (REFTEL), WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL MAKE WESTERN POSITION AT UNSSOD MORE DIFFICULT.

2. MALLABY ADDED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WAS ALSO STRONGLY BEHIND EARLIER UK PROPOSALS IN THIS AREA AND THAT (PER LONDON 3351) HMG HAD HOPED SUBJECT WOULD FORM MAJOR ELEMENT IN CALLAQHAN'S SPEECH TO UNSSOD. WHILE MALLABY APPEARED PERSONALLY RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND UK GO AHEAD WITHOUT U.S. SUPPORT, HE DECLINED TO SPECULATE ABOUT FCO'S OFFICIAL REACTION TO U.S. DECISION AND HOW HMG MIGHT PROCEED AT UNSSOD.

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3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: FROM STANDPOINT OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, IT IS FORTUNATE MALLABY HAD LEARNED AT VIRTUALLY SAME TIME VIA UK EMBASSY OF U.S. DECISION ON CUT-OFF PROPOSAL THAT IS FAVORABLE TO UK INTERESTS. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN HIGH LEVEL UK INTEREST IN NEGATIVE ASSURANCES ISSUE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL ACCOUNT OF REASONING BEHIND U.S. DECISION

WHICH WE COULD SHARE WITH UPPER LEVELS
OF FCO AND CABINET OFFICE.

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